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SUBJ: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY APPROVES SENATE ELECTION LAW

1. THE SENATE ELECTION LAW WAS APPROVED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY MEETING IN JOINT SESSION ON JUNE 8. ALL OF THE PRESIDENT'S RECOMMENDED CHANGES WERE ACCEPTED AND THE LAW NOW PROVIDES THAT PERSONS MAY RUN FOR OFFICE WITHOUT SPONSORSHIP OF A PARTY QUALIFIED UNDER DL 060. EACH SLATE, WHICH WILL CONSIST OF 15 CANDIDATES, MUST PUT FORWARD A 2 MILLION PIASTER DEPOSIT. IT WILL BE FORFEITED BY THOSE SLATES WHICH ACHIEVE LESS THAN 10 PERCENT OF THE VOTE IN THE AUGUST ELECTION. COMMUNISTS AND PRO-COMMUNIST NEUTRALS ARE EXCLUDED FROM PARTICIPATION.

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2. THE JOINT SESSION WAS SPARSELY ATTENDED, PROBABLY BECAUSE ALL PARTIES CONSIDERED THE OUTCOME A FOREGONE CONCLUSION. IT WOULD HAVE REQUIRED A MAJORITY OF THE TOTAL MEMBERSHIP OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY TO OVERRULE THE PRESIDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS; INFORMED OBSERVERS AGREED THIS WAS OUT OF THE QUESTION. VOTING ON THE BILL WAS BY ARTICLE AND PARAGRAPH. SINCE ALL THE COMPONENT PARTS WERE APPROVED, THERE WAS NO VOTE ON THE ENTIRE BILL.

3. FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC PRESS WAS WELL REPRESENTED AT THE SESSION.

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